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FOC 2023 Gathering To Be August 19th At CMP

Renewing the Neighborhood

As multi-generation farms are turned over in Couillardville we welcome new life into our community. The Broderick family has purchased the Glynn Farm and is bringing an exciting new farming approach to the area while expressing interest in supporting and becoming part of the Families of Couillardville.



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The Families of Couillardville will gather in the summer 2023 at Couillardville Memorial Park on August 19th for its annual get together and to celebrate the dedication of a special addition to the park. John Matravers and Lloyd Glynn are taking the lead in planning this year's gathering and will have more details in the coming months. Please mark your calendars to hold the date. Please note that, this year, this gathering will replace the traditional Machine Shed

Reunion at Meadow Brook Farm.

Preliminary Plans

Saturday, August 19, 2023

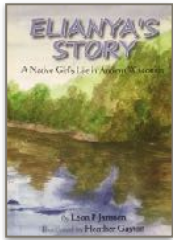
"Bring Your Own Lunch" picnic

Dedication of new park feature

Entertainment

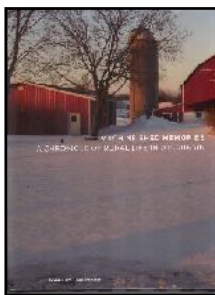
Activities TBA

Sit by a warm fire and explore some local history!



Set around the year A.D. 1000, long before the arrival of non-Native settlers in the region, "Elianya's Story" paints a picture of what daily life may have been like for a young girl growing up in the traditional culture of that era. Though the episodes are fictional, they are based upon careful research into the likely social conditions of that time and the landscape of the area.

This book is being used in schools around WI to support 5th grade Wisconsin history. www.elianyasstory.com



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Chris and Tina Broderick and Family Buy the Glynn Farm



L to R Charli, Dominick, Chris, Tina, Austin and Jordan and Nutmeg the cow. Photo October 2022. Note: Dominick and Austin live out of state.

Lloyd Glynn was pleased to share the news of the new family who was buying the Glynn farm. Chris Broderick said, "We first made a plan on getting cows, we signed a five year rental agreement on land near our current house by White Potato Lake, and our goal was to buy something to allow our farm to grow by the time our lease was up. I have a passion for fixing up old things, and when we saw the for sale sign in front of Glynn's, something clicked. Learning about Couillardville has been a

bonus, and we're excited about being part of its future."

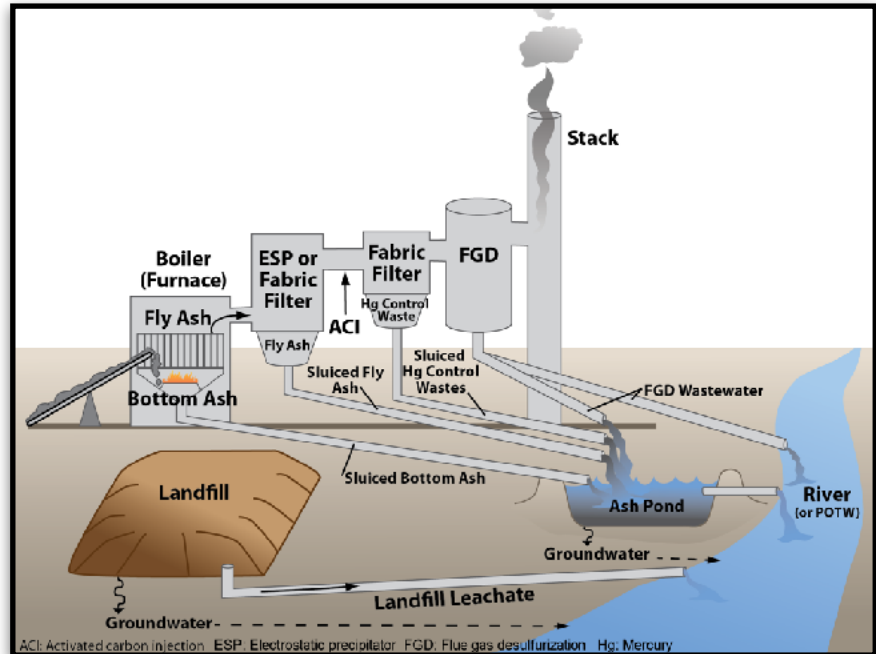
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We are a small family farm located in Pound, WI (moving to Couillardville). We raise registered Scottish Highland Cattle for beef and breeding stock. Our cattle are raised humanely on quality pastures without the use of any hormones or unnecessary antibiotics. Our pastures are free from pesticides and chemical fertilizers. We take pride in providing a quality product that we can feel good about offering to our family and community

Charlotte and Friends Protest the Coal Fired Power Plant Planned for Couillardville

By Charlotte Ihde

I remember when there was almost a coal plant built right in the middle of Couillardville. That was 1983 nearly 40 years ago. I told this story at the 2022 MSR. My daughter Laura Olson and I planned to sing a humorous song our family had written to refresh your memory of what happened. Our song was humorous, but let me tell you it was not a funny time then.

Our family and nearly everyone else in the neighborhood was much opposed to this happening. It all started because a neighbor wanted to sell his farm and move to Arkansas. He was ready to sell his farm to be made into a coal burning plant. They would be taking over six other farms in the area along County J as they needed that much land to bury their fly ash. Of course they'd need room for the plant itself. Think about the piles of coal they would need. Picture the mess in Couillardville that you see north of the Leo Frigo Bridge in Green Bay. They also needed water to cool their equipment down and would be taking 10% of the flow of the Oconto River heating it up by



Coal Fired Power Plant General Design

15 degrees and then putting it back into the river. So you can see we were not happy to have a coal plant on its shore and messing with our beautiful and clean river. The coal plant would take six of our farms. John Matravers remembers the times and said, " They would have taken our back forty."

In the meantime, me and the kids started to write two songs as our way of protesting. We had a lot of fun doing "Fare Thee Well, Couillardville." My husband, John would sit in his chair and shake his head at our foolishness.

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Remember The River Smell

Do you remember when we woke up one morning and our white houses had all turned brown? The paper mill pond in Oconto Falls had sprung a leak and it escaped into the Oconto River. The smell was terrible! But this disaster caused the paper mill to pay a huge fine and be held accountable for the pollution of the river. The fish you caught tasted like paper mill chemicals. So, to clean up the river they drained it above the dam. It dried out and formed a dry crust. I don't remember how long it was kept like this, but when it was allowed to refill with water, the Oconto River was again fresh and clean and you could eat the fish.

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A lot of the information about what was happening was written in the paper and from speakers who Jeannie Carlin Bichel had invited to inform the people on what was going on. I remember one meeting that was held at our old town hall. I would get up and sing our songs. There was a reporter there who was covering the event. I later heard him mutter into his phone, "They're bringing in folk singers now." This was after the speaker for the coal plant had stood and told us how good this plant was going to be for our community all those jobs for us, how they would be lining the holding pit for the fly ash with good material so it wouldn't leak. Hah! Believe that when I see it! We would be offered three hundred thousand dollars for their right to take a thousand acres of our farm land from production. I remember a stranger to us, later identified as Gene Casper, standing and after asking questions about the coal plant said, "Don't you know these farmers don't want you here?"

Jeannie Bichel also lined up a speaker at our Couillardville Hall to celebrate Earth Day, who rode his bike all the way from Green Bay. He said, "You don't want that plant in

your neighborhood. There will be the putrid smell of rotten eggs in the air."

We put funny phrases like that from speakers and newspaper articles in our humorous song: "Fare Thee Well Couillardville". It will be printed at the end of this story. We changed the words to the song "Old Joe Clark." We had lots of fun writing it. We sang it at our Draeger Reunion this past summer at the talent show, with everyone joining in on the chorus.

Can you imagine what Couillardville would be like today if this would have all come to pass? I shudder to think. It certainly wouldn't be the beautiful and peaceful community it is today.

But after reviewing all of these facts I have come to believe it was the Oconto River that saved us all. In the end, they were not allowed to build the coal plant because the river was not big and deep enough to survive the amount of water they would have needed to cool their facility. Thank you river and thank you Lord.!

Fare Thee Well, Couillardville (*The Battle of the Fight for Couillardville*)
To the tune of "Old Joe Clark"...
reimagined August 2022

Fare Thee Well Couillardville

Chorus: Fare Thee Well I say,
They're burning coal in the plant
next door,
And we can't tell night from day.

V1 Fly ash, fly ash everywhere,
I'd like that every day,
They'll bury their waste on good
farm land.
As we watch in dismay.

V2 The cats are sneezing, the cows
are wheezing,
It's getting might shrill,
When the putrid smell of rotten
eggs,
Get into our Nos-trils.

V3 Choke, croak, smother and
smoke,
We're wheezing in the hay,
While coal they burn in
Couillardville.
Comes drifting down our way.

V4 No more neighbors, all forced
off. And former farms laid bare.
Oh, Couillardville, will be
destroyed,
And they don't seem to care.

V5 To Arms, To Arms! Let's raise
our voice.
Before that Plant gets built.
Our blood is boilin' but we better
settle down,
Before someone gets kilt!

V6 Near 40 years have come and
gone, Some died, some moved
away, The Plant was never more
than a bad idea,
And the spirit of Couillardville lives
on... Today!